

## **REMARKS**

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

### **I. Amendments to the Claims**

Claims 1, 14 and 15 have been amended, as suggested by the Examiner, in order to be in condition for allowance.

### **II. Allowable Subject Matter**

Claim 13 has been identified as being allowable. The Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for this indication of allowability. The scope of claim 13 remains unchanged and remains allowable.

Furthermore, the Examiner kindly indicated that claims 1, 14 and 15 would be allowed if amended to recite “based on a result of the authentication performed by the [user] authentication server,” as recited in allowed claim 13 (see Advisory Action dated August 2, 2011 and Interview Summary dated August 2, 2011). As mentioned above, independent claims 1, 14 and 15 have been amended to include the phrase, as suggested by the Examiner. Therefore, amended independent claims 1, 14 and 15 and claims 2-8 that depend therefrom should also be allowable.

### III. Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance and an early notification thereof is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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